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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Appln. Of: RIHA, ET AL.

Serial No. 10/033,437

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For: **METHOD OF MARKING A SKIN FOR A VEHICLE
INTERIOR TRIM PANEL**

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Examiner: Stefan Staicovici

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AMENDMENT A

Dear Sirs:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed April 3, 2003.

Re-examination and reconsideration is requested.

Please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please cancel the Abstract and insert the following new Abstract on a separate page:

--ABSTRACT

A
A method of marking a skin for a vehicle interior trim panel to indicate the position or function of a switch includes providing a skin having a color and an outer skin surface. A laser beam is applied to the outer skin surface such that a portion of the skin surface contacted by the laser beam changes color relative to a portion of the outer skin surface not contacted by the laser to create a marking in the outer skin surface.--
